

years every step of their advance until the Indians were practically exterminated. From the close of the Revolution to the treaty of Greenville (1794) the tribes of the Ohio valley also made a desperate stand against the Americans, but in this they had the encouragement, if not the active support of the British in Canada as well as of other Indians. In individual character many of the Algonquian chiefs rank high, and Tecumseh stands out prominently as one of the noblest figures in Indian history.

The present number of the Algonquian family is about 90,000, of which about 40,000 are in the United States and 50,000 in Canada. The largest tribes are the Chippewa and the Cree.



December Meditation.



SUPPOSE, my friends, that as you go home to-day you should find in your room an angel with his face as the appearance of lightning, his eyes as a burning lamp, his body as bright as crystal, what would you do? Would you not grow faint before him, or if you had strength remaining that you might look on that vision splendid, would you not stand in deep and solemn awe? Well, such a being you will find in your house as you go home this morning. It will go hence with you; it will remain there as long as you remain there. It will go away when you go away. And this bright and beauteous being of whom I speak is no visitor in your home; it is an inmate; it rises with you in the morning, goes with you through the day, is present with you in your joys and sorrows, in sickness and health, in life and in death. This glorious creature is yours—it is more truly yours than anything else you possess—in fact, it is the only thing in the world you own; it is yours. Poverty cannot strip you of it; death